

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2010
FREMONT CITY HALL
6:00 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Call to Order: Mayor Wasserman called the meeting to order.

1.2 Flag Salute: Councilmember Natarajan led the salute to the flag.

1.3 Roll Call: Present: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Wieckowski, Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison, and Chan.

1.4 Announcements by Mayor/City Manager

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

* **2.1 Waive Reading of Ordinances** – None.

* **2.2 Approval of Minutes** – None.

3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS – None.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Oral and Written Communications – None.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.

6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY

6.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of a Report Out from Closed Session of Any Final Action – None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of Update on Midtown District Community Plan and Design Guidelines

Community Development Director Jill Keimach introduced consultant team members, Crystal Barriscale (HOK), David Cropper (TMG Partners), and Daren Fields (consultant). Ms. Barriscale provided an overview of the concept plan goals, district drivers and reviewed items discussed at the prior work session. She continued the presentation by providing 3-D models depicting the Midtown project and provided an update on various components of the

Community Plan developed and refined by the consultant team and staff, which included: Street and Block Plan, Form-Based Zoning Controls, Midtown Art Program, Land Use Plan, Development Program, and traffic and parking. In conclusion, Ms. Barriscale provided an overview of the community engagement outreach efforts and outlined next steps. The consultant team and staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment and direction to staff and the consultant team on work done to date. Mayor Wasserman opened the item for public comment. George Kramm expressed interest in having businesses promote green efforts. Jim Griffin provided comments on various aspects of the project. There were no other speakers. Mayor Wasserman closed public comment.

On a motion by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Vice Mayor Wieckowski, the City Council directed staff to commence with the EIR for the Midtown Project.

Ayes:	Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Wieckowski, Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Chan
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

7.2 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with HOK for LEED Neighborhood Development Certification for Midtown District Community Plan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$64,300 (PLN2010-00030)

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

On a motion by Councilmember Natarajan, seconded by Councilmember Chan, the City Council authorized the City Manager or designee to enter into a contract with HOK for LEED Neighborhood Development Certification Services for a cost not to exceed \$64,300.

Ayes:	Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Wieckowski, Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Chan
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

7.3 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of a Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Introduce an Uncodified Ordinance to Allow for a Back-In Parking Pilot Project along a Portion of Capitol Avenue (PWC8520)

Planning Director Jeff Schwob provided a brief report. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Wasserman opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. Mayor Wasserman closed the public hearing.

On a motion by Councilmember Natarajan, seconded by Councilmember Chan, the City Council:

1. Held a public hearing:

2. Found that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines 15301 and 15304 which exempt minor alterations of existing facilities where there is negligible or no expansion of use and minor alterations to land.
3. Waived full reading and introduced an uncodified ordinance to authorize a one-year pilot program for back-in vehicle parking along a portion of Capitol Avenue.

Ayes: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Wieckowski,
Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Chan
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

7.4 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of General Plan 2030 – Community Character Element

Policy & Special Projects Manager Dan Schoenholz provided the framework for the presentation and introduced Associate Planner Scott Ruhland. Associate Planner Ruhland provided an overview and described the contents of the Community Character element, highlighted major proposed policy topics and described urban design tools and methods. Policy & Special Projects Manager Schoenholz outlined next steps. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Wasserman opened the item for public comment. Margaret Tolt expressed the Fremont Cultural Arts Council's interest in having art as an element of the community character. There were no other speakers. Mayor Wasserman closed public comment. Councilmembers provided comment and feedback to staff to assist in the preparation of the draft element. No action was taken.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Council Referrals – None.

8.2 Oral Reports on Meetings and Events – None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mayor Wasserman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk

BOB WASSERMAN, Mayor

*Consent Items